

TELEPHONE INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's participation in a telephone interview relating to this action on February 10, 2009 which involved Examiner Vaughan, Examiner Zia, David J. McKenzie (Reg. No. 46,919), and Rick Nordgren (Reg. No. 60,306). In the course of the telephone interview, Claim 39 and proposed amendments thereto were discussed. The Applicants explained that Parisien and Mamros fail to teach generating a new secret key in response to detecting that a heartbeat had been issued. The Examiners agreed that the proposed amendment overcame the art of record, but suggested further amendments clarifying the relationship between detecting that the communications link is idle and detecting that a heartbeat has flowed across the communications link. Applicants explained that they would add further limitations in a later independent claim and asked that that claim be considered with those amendments in mind. Applicants believe the discussion was beneficial for understanding of the invention by both the Applicants and the Examiner.